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DRILL AT SAINT MARY'S HALL FOR GIRLS, SHANGHAI



THE GRADUATING CLASS, 1918

SAINT MARY'S HALL FOR GIRLS, SHANGHAI

PROBABLY there is no better evidence of the revolutionizing force of Christianity than the planting in China of schools for girls. Saint Mary's Hall has existed since 1881, holding up against the ancient prejudices of that nation the ideal of womanhood, developed along the noblest lines, in an atmosphere of happiness, sympathy and tender consideration. It stands high among the influences that are making the Orient "safe for Democracy".

It has grown steadily in size and influence. Its 250 students link Saint Mary's and the Church to an almost equal number of families.

The school offers an unusual opportunity to young American women of strong Christian character and good teaching ability to devote five years, or a lifetime to developing the immense latent intellectual and spiritual capacities of Chinese young women. Particulars can be obtained from the FOREIGN SECRETARY, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York.



BAPTISMAL CLASS

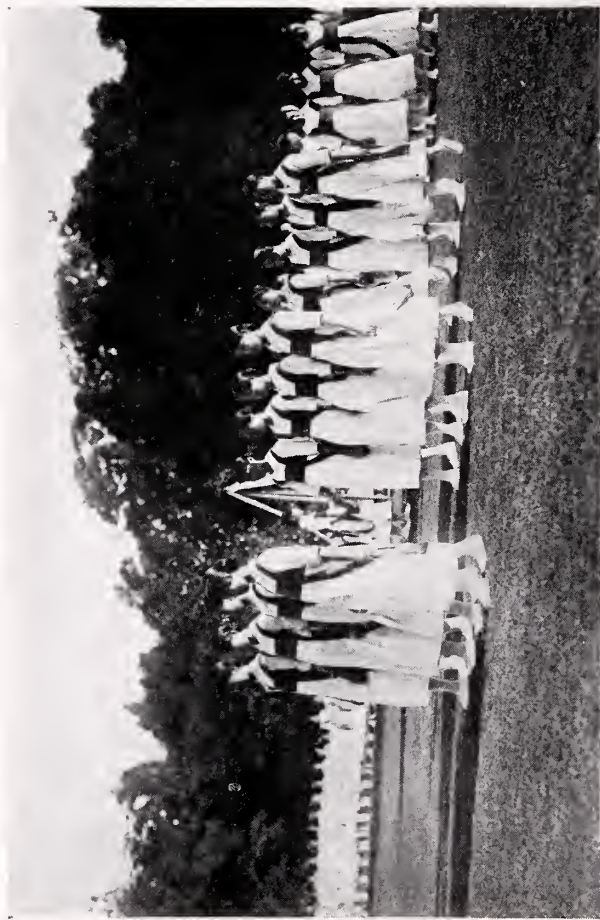


CONFIRMATION CLASS

THE MEANING OF SUCCESS AT SAINT MARY'S

NINETEEN-EIGHTEEN has been a successful year. What makes success for such an institution as Saint Mary's was well symbolized in the presentation by Bishop Graves, on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society, of a beautiful Bible to each of the five graduates. The school has been successful in a marked degree in making a way for the leaven of Christian culture in many lives and homes.

A **Baptismal Class of Twelve** and a **Confirmation Class of Twenty-two** during the year, were fitting preludes to the **Graduating Class**; and emphasized the school motto of "WISDOM AND RIGHTEOUSNESS." Three of the candidates were teachers, and their baptism makes the entire faculty of the school Christian. All of those thus added to the Body of Christ are introducing Christianity into large and influential families. So the school outreaches its missionary status and is finding a mission for itself. The graduating class in an unusual way represents the work of a mission school. It may seem small, but it



THE MAY FETE GRAND MARCH, 1918

has far reaching opportunities of service; and one must realize that twelve years is a long time for a Chinese girl to remain in school.

It would be difficult to find anywhere in the world a more constantly and vigorously active missionary society than the **Tsing Sing We** of Saint Mary's. Under its direction and inspiration the students not only support "Little Saint Mary's", the day school in Zaukado, but by means of their earnings through cooking and selling lunches, have assumed the entire support of their own Christian worker in the new District of Shensi. The year's activity of the Tsing Sing We includes Bible classes, prayer groups, night school, Bible study hour, morning watch, social work, and with all else, the raising of \$323.73 through offerings, campaigns, teas, etc.

Closely akin to the missionary life of the school is its patriotic spirit. China is one of the allied nations in arms for democracy; and Saint Mary's has tried to do her bit, taking an active part in the Red Cross Drive and joining the labor and skill of her girls with that of the girls in our own land in making socks and sweaters for the boys in France. The school was represented in the grand Red Cross parade in Shanghai.

THE SCHOOL WORK

S AINT MARY'S HALL comprises four entirely distinct though closely related departments: the **English, Chinese and Music Departments** and the **Normal School**.

The **English High School** is taught entirely by Americans and the course corresponds to that of



RAIN DANCING OVER THE FLOWER SEEDS, MAY FETE, 1918

the average public high school at home. In the **Preparatory Department** there are Chinese teachers trained in this school; and in the **Primary Department** two-thirds of the work is done by native graduates, all of whom have taken the course for teachers. This year there are eleven Americans and four Chinese teachers, besides six student assistants teaching in the English Department.

The foreign teachers (Americans) do not find their work limited to the curriculum. In walks and games and in the various student organizations such as the Glee Club, Athletic Club, two Missionary Societies and many voluntary Bible classes they come into close and helpful contact with the girls' life. A series of English evenings, inaugurated this year, provides an opportunity for the girls to present results of regular class work in recitations, essays and songs.

Music takes a high place in the life of the school and whether classical, religious or of the lighter nature in college and school songs, the pupils enter into it heartily and enthusiastically. The four Chinese music teachers and four of the more advanced piano pupils played for every performance of the May Fete Dance.

In **Art and Industrial Work** there has been constant advance. As the outcome of an exhibit of drawing and industrial work sent to the Kiangsu School Educational Exhibition, Mrs. Ely has been made Chairman of the Art Committee for the East China Educational Association. This is a pleasing proof that Saint Mary's is recognized as leading in this department and has placed the school in a class with all the Government schools in the Province as well as with the

Shanghai Public School for Chinese Boys and the American School for Foreign Children and has brought the school into touch with all the leading Chinese educational men and women in the Province. The designs and stencils for the May Fete were made by the students.

The **Library**, enriched the past year with the gift of two hundred excellent books, now boasts of one thousand volumes well selected on the whole, for Chinese girls. The librarian rejoices not so much over the books as the way in which the girls are beginning to use them. It is hoped to establish eventually a lending library for girls who have left the school.

Athletics have come to their own in Saint Mary's; and the girls are more and more taking part in sports and games of all kinds; and above all, developing in general health and in the invaluable qualities that games emphasize—fair play, co-operation and the ability to win or lose with equally good spirit. In the May Fete this year a dance sketch, symbolizing the growth of flowers gave scope for aesthetic dancing for which some of these Chinese girls show unusual talent. In drill, track races, tennis, basket-ball and other games Saint Mary's is developing the normal interest and attainment of a healthy girls' school whether it be found in America or China.

The one disappointment of 1918 has been the continued delay in beginning the erection of the new buildings. This has been necessary because of the high price of silver and the greatly increased cost of all building operations. Both faculty and students of Saint Mary's recall with gratitude the successful work of the Saint Mary's

Hall Committee in America in raising \$100,000 for the new site and buildings. The land has been secured at a cost of about \$27,000. Building will begin when conditions become more normal.

SAINT MARY'S HALL HYMN

Source of all energy, fount of all being,
God of all spirits, our Father and Friend,
Send forth in us the high might of Thy Spirit,
Lift us and lead to the glorious end.

Light of all ages, True Son of the Father,
Jesus our Master, our Pattern, our Life,
Dwell in us, living, and fashion our nature
Holy in working, victorious in strife.

God and Redeemer, Lord Jesus, Thy Mother,
Mary the Maiden, true woman we praise
Follow her holiness, find in the Son she bore
Wisdom and righteousness through endless days.

Tune: Russian Hymn.

THE AMERICAN FACULTY OF SAINT MARY'S HALL

MISS STEVA L. DODSON, *Principal*

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MISS GWENDOLIN L. COOPER

MISS MARGARET H. BAILEY

MRS. JOHN A. ELY (volunteer)

School Nurse

MISS RHEA G. PUMPHREY

FINANCE

S AINT MARY'S HALL is supported in part by the fees paid by students and in part by the appropriations from the Board of Missions.

The Board contributes:

1. For the running expenses.....\$2,500
2. For the support of American members of the faculty 6,350

For many years it has been considered that \$50 would provide for one student for one year. With the high cost of everything entering into school maintenance this amount is insufficient.

The Board of Missions asks Sunday schools, individual branches of the Woman's auxiliary and other friends to take annual shares for the support of Saint Mary's at \$75 each.

Particulars will be supplied by the Foreign Secretary, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Copies of this leaflet can be had by applying to the Literature Department, Church Missions House, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York. Ask for No. 275.